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EDITORIAL NOTES.

How interesting many things are made by the mere passage of time! How pleasant it is, sometimes, to go back into the printed word of the past and see how, in the fulfillment of time, the idle boast of one year becomes the jest of another! The following paragraph appeared under the title "Editorial" on the front page of the *Pacific Medical Journal*, April, 1907:

"A \$75,000 suit. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco has entered suit against Dr. Dudley Tait, erstwhile President of the Board of Medical Examiners, and Dr. Philip Mills Jones, Editor of THE CALIFORNIA STATE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE, for slander and libel. These gentlemen will be afforded every opportunity to prove the assertions they have made regarding the college or take the consequences."

This libel-suit-joke was supposed to be based upon an article published in the *STATE JOURNAL* for December, 1906, in which article (furnished by the Board of Medical Examiners) several cases were given where students had been fraudulently graduated from the College of P. & S., S. F.; Dr. Winslow Anderson's college. The promise made in the paragraph above quoted was most sadly broken; the attorney for Dr. Tait and Dr. Jones had instructions to do everything in his power to bring the suit to trial. But the plaintiffs were never quite ready to get down to business. The original complaint was slashed and cut, upon demurrer, so that only its shadow remained. The frauds had been com-

mitted and the college did not want its records brought into court. After dragging along, being taken off the calendar several times and nearly dismissed by the judge, the plaintiff's attorneys asked permission to withdraw the suit and this was granted, some two months ago. And that was the dismal end of the grandiloquent bluff above quoted! What a shame! It would have been such a pleasure to demonstrate from the college's own records, the cases of fraud; but, unfortunately, the college did not seem so keen to press the suit, when the matter got into court, as it did when Dr. Winslow Anderson and Dr. D. A. Hodghead were talking about what they would do, in April, 1907. The college had fraudulently graduated students and these eminent gentlemen knew it. If they wish to bring another suit, here is a good chance to go to it.

The Fortieth Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of California will be held at Sacramento, April 19th, 20th and

ANNUAL MEETING. 21st, 1910, under the administration of Dr. James H. Parkinson, of Sacramento, president. It should prove to be a notable meeting in many ways, not the least of which will be the very important business to come before the House of Delegates, with reference to the fixing upon some permanent plan for Physicians' Defense; either the adoption or rejection of the tentative plan now in force and originated by the Council, or the adoption of some other plan. The work as undertaken by the Council is based upon a very simple scheme and is devoid of any complicated details; it seems to have met with such general approval and endorsement from County Medical Societies and from individual members that there is little doubt that the House of Delegates will alter it to any marked extent. The Program Committee is hard at work upon the program and the members of the Committee are devoting much time to the task—no light one, by the way. In the next issue of the *JOURNAL* we shall give a skeletal program together with some matter from the Committee of Arrangements. As yet no definite report has come from the Committee but it is understood that the sessions of the Society will be held in the Capitol building and the headquarters hotel will be the New Sacramento. Members desiring to present papers at the Sacramento meeting will please notify the Chairman of the Program Committee at once; address, Dr. H. R. Oliver, Butler Building, San Francisco, California. *Do not wait till the last moment or the program will be complete and there will be no room for your communication.*

The San Francisco County Medical Society, and its attorney, Mr. Walter Kaufman, have indeed won a signal victory for decency and honesty in medicine by the conviction of one Dr. John J. Arberry of the crime of attempting to obtain money by false pretense, which verdict was secured after months of hard work, on January